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Sir/Madam:

In response to an Advisory Action mailed on July 15, 2004, the Appellant presents this Supplemental Appeal Brief to request reinstatement of the Appeal for the captioned case. The Appeal was initiated by a Notice of Appeal filed August 6, 2003 and an Appeal Brief was filed October 3, 2003. In response thereto, an Examiner's Answer was mailed March 17, 2004 withdrawing the 102(e) rejection of claims 11, 12, 14, and 16-22 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,092 to Manfredi. New points of argument in regard to the 102(e) rejection of claims 11, 12, 14, and 16-22 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,283,840 to Huey, however, were added. In response to the Examiner's Answer, a Reply Brief was filed on May 17, 2004 with an amendment to claim 11 in the interest to expedite resolution of the captioned case. Subsequent thereto, prosecution was reopened through the Advisory Action mailed July 15, 2004 stating that the amendment raised new issues.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed March 17, 2004. The Appellant respectfully requests that the Board consider this Reply Brief, which is presented before the expiration date of May 17, 2004.

The Examiner's Answer withdraws the 102(c) rejection of claims 11, 12, 14, and 16-22 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,092 to Manfredi. The Examiner's Answer, however, appears to contain new points of argument in regard to the 102(c) rejection of claims 11, 12, 14, and 16-22 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,283,840 to Huey (hereinafter referred to as "Huey"). In particular, new points of argument were raised by the Examiner on pages 4-6 in the Examiner's Answer, beginning with Section 11 "Response to Argument." This Reply Brief addresses the new points of arguments as permitted under 37 CFR § 1.193(b).